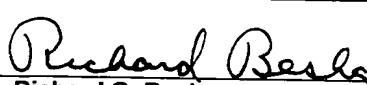


FORM PTO-1390 MODIFIED	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 3816-62
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/500309 <i>To be assigned</i>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP02/14893	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 27 December 2002	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 28 December 2001	
TITLE OF INVENTION REDUCED-WEAR SEALING ELEMENT			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US PRATESI, S. et al.			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (25 pages specification, claims & abstract (18 claims), 6 sheets drawings). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto (pages specification, claims & abstract (claims), sheets drawings, page Certificate of Translation). b. <input type="checkbox"/> of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)). <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). b. <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration was submitted to the International Bureau during International Phase (see copies of Declaration (Form PCT/RO/101 and Form PCT/IB/371 and first page of printed publication acknowledging receipt thereof attached). page 			
See item 6.b. above.			
Items 11 To 20 below concern document(s) or information included:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information. International Search Report and PTO Form 1449 			

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)) To be assigned 107500309		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP02/14893	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 3816-62
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:			CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) nor international search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$1080.00 -- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$920.00 -- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$770.00 -- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$730.00 -- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00 			
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =			\$ 920.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)).			\$ 130.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE
Total Claims	19	minus 20 =	0 X \$18.00 \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	minus 3 =	0 X \$86.00 \$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)			\$ 290.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months)			\$ 0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			\$ 1050.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.			0.00
SUBTOTAL =			\$ 1050.00
Processing fee of \$130.00, for furnishing the English Translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)).			+ 0.00
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =			\$ 1050.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property			+ \$ 0.00
Fee for Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application (\$1330.00 - Small Entity = \$665.00)			\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =			\$ 1050.00
			Amount to be: refunded \$ Charged \$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 14-1140 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.			
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.			
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The entire content of International Application No. PCT/EP02/14893 and any U.S. and foreign application(s) corresponding thereto, and IT MI2001A002826, referred to in this application is/are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.			
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.			
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